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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: PORT ELIZABETH ORE LOADING

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1. ACCORDING SOROS ASSOCIATES, ORIGINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY
PORT ELIZABETH UNDERTAKEN 1969 FOR ARNOLD WILHELMI BUT
FORMAL APPROVAL CONSTRUCTION ONLY RECENTLY OBTAINED DUE
COMPETITION ISCOR'S SALDANAH BAY PROJECT. SCOPE OF WORK
INCLUDES RAILROAD UNLOADING, STOCKPILING, AND RECLAIMING
ORE, 5 MILE CONVEYOR SYSTEM INTO THE SEA, SHIPLOADER
CAPABLE OF HANDLING VESSELS UP TO 250,000 DWT, AND ROCK
DREDGING. TOTAL COST ESTIMATED \$80-90 MILLION AND
PROPOSALS SHOULD INCLUDE FINANCE PACKAGE AS WELL AS
CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATES. SOROS SAYS CONSOLIDATED AFRICAN
MINES HAS RECEIVED TWO PROPOSALS, FROM FRENCH GROUP
HEADED BY SPIE BATIGNOLLES AND ITALIAN GROUP HEADED BY
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2. FOR LONDON: IN ORDER NOT TO JEOPARDIZE SOROS CLIENT RELATIONSHIP, REQUEST ONLY DIVULGE SCOPE OF WORK, COST ESTIMATE, AND FINANCE REQUIREMENT. CONSULTING ENGINEER MENTIONED PARA 1 REFTEL SHOULD CONTACT CONSOLIDATED AFRICAN MINES ASAP IF INTERESTED PURSUING CONTRACT.

3. FOR PRETORIA: ANY FURTHER INFO THIS PROJECT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. BECAUSE OF SOROS ROUGH ESTIMATE THAT HALF OF PROJECT COSTS REPRESENT FOREIGN EXCHANGE COMPONENT, INTERESTED YOUR ASSESSMENT WHETHER USDOC SHOULD ENCOURAGE MAJOR AMERICAN CONSTRUCTORS PURSUE CONTRACT.

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